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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

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BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Boundary between Second British and First Canadian Armies (effective 081800A): As before to MOOK E7251 (incl to First Cdn Army) - thence inclusive Second Army E8347 - thence all inclusive First Canadian Army CR E8846 - CR E9347 - HALVENBOOM E9545 - UDEM E9842 - KERVENHEIM E9938 - WINNEKENDONK E9934 - KAPELLEN A0431 - ISSUM A0927.

Boundary between Second British and Ninth U S Armies (effective 081800A): As before to VENLO E9109 (incl to Ninth US Army) - thence inclusive Ninth Army road to STADT STRALEN E9717 - GELDERN A0125 - boundary between First Canadian and Second British Armies at ISSUM A0927. Unrestricted running rights to Second Army through VENLO and running rights to Second Army on road VENLO - GELDERN as agreed with Ninth Army.

Boundary between First Canadian and Ninth U S Armies (effective 081800A): Inclusive First Canadian Army road ISSUM A0927 - SEVELEN A0822 thence as before.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (091200A). 71st Division. Assigned and commenced movement to Seventh Army from the LE HAVRE - ROUEN staging area. FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. 3d Algerian Division. Repulsed two enemy attacks at R1616 between 082100A and 090030A.

SEVENTH ARMY. 6th Armored Division. Attached to the Seventh Army and commenced to close in the vicinity of LUNEVILLE B0899. 3d and 45th Divisions and 65th Infantry Regiment. All no change.

VI Corps. No change.

XV Corps. No change.

XXI Corps. No change.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (092400A). XIX Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. No change.

XVI Corps. 35th Division. (With CCB 8th Armd Div, 291st Inf and 15th Cav Gp atchd). Attacked north on a three-mile front. Opposition was extremely heavy. Captured MILLINGEN A1830 and HUCK A1631. 15th Cavalry Group mopped up enemy pockets of resistance which had been by-passed in the vicinity of NIEUKERK A0518. Front line change: A2032 - A1832 - A1632. 79th Division. 314th Infantry closed in the division concentration area in the vicinity of HEERLEN K7655.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XII Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. 115th Separate Brigade. Concentrated in the vicinity of BRUSSELS J6354.

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FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. 49th Division. No change.

XXX Corps. Corps headquarters passed to command of Second British Army at 081800A. 52d Division. (With 34th Tk Bde and 8th Armd Bde atchd). Captured ALPEN A1531, the cross roads at A1633 and entered RILL A1734 without resistance. Relieved the Guards Armored Division. Attached to II Canadian Corps. Front line change: A1633 - A1734 - A1634. Guards Armored Division. Attached to II Canadian Corps. 5th Guards Brigade concentrated in the vicinity of KAPELLEN A0431. 3d Division. Attached to II Canadian Corps. 53d Division. Was attached to XII Corps. 11th Armored Division. (Less 4th Armd Bde). Commenced movement to the vicinity of DIEST K1168 and was attached to VIII Corps.

II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Captured VEEN A1135. Advanced one mile northeast on a one-mile front against moderate resistance. Front line change: A1336. 2d Canadian Division. Attacked southeast along the southern shore of the lake A1338. Gained up to one and one-half miles. Front line change: A1337 - A1437 - A1338. 43d Division. The 129th Brigade advanced to the RHINE River from A1341 north to A0946. 214th Brigade relieved the 129th Brigade which then concentrated in the vicinity of CALCAR A0050. Front line change: RHINE River A1341 - A0946.

I Corps. No change.

AIR. (9 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,041 bombers against six marshalling yards and a casting plant in western Germany. 993 aircraft dropped 1,635.5 tons of general purpose and 792.3 tons of incendiary bombs on all assigned primary targets. Ten aircraft were lost. 251 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber operation. 145 aircraft sortied in support of the Ninth Air Force. Claims consisted of three enemy aircraft. 150 fighter aircraft sortied on free-lance in support of the bomber forces. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 523 bombers against marshalling yards in WIESBADEN M3665, NIEDERHAUSEN M4373 and ARNSBERG B2312, a tank plant at DOTZHEIM M3464, an ammunition dump at WULFEN A5948 and fifty-five other targets. Six aircraft were lost. 1,045 fighter/fighter bomber sorties were flown. Claims included twenty-one enemy aircraft, sixty-seven motor transport and thirty-five locomotives.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light local drizzle. Clouds: Low overcast at dawn, with some breaks later in the day. Visibility: 1 to 2 miles at dawn, improving slightly during the day. Wind: 8 mph, northwest. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 49° F. Minimum 40° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 26th Division. 101st Infantry closed in the vicinity of L1508. 10th Armored Division. (With 417th Inf atchd). Advanced up to four miles northeast against heavy artillery fire but light infantry resistance. Units reached BEKOND L3239, RIEVENICH L3642, ESCH L3644 and WITTLICH L3954. Front line change: L2830 - L3032 - L3033 - L2933 - high ground L3135 - BEKOND L3239 - L3341 - RIEVENICH L3642 - ESCH L3644 - L3851 - WITTLICH L3954. 94th Division. (With 3d Cav Gp atchd). Units of the 3d Cavalry Group were relieved in the vicinity of L2622.

XII Corps. Resistance on the corps front was generally light but the advance was impeded by many road blocks and poor roads. 76th Division. (Less 417th Inf and with 2d Cav Gp atchd). Advanced up to four miles east on a six-mile front. Captured DREIS L3449, BRUCH L3151, MUSWEILER L3357 and reached the vicinity of MINDERLITTGEM L3557. Front line change: DREIS L3449 - L3350 - L3452 - L3755 - MINDERLITTGEM L3557 - L3359. 5th Division. Followed the advance of the 4th Armored Division and widened the spearhead salient. Captured MANDERSCHIED L3366 and seized the bridge intact in the vicinity of L3363. Units of the 11th Infantry

Regiment entered KAISERSESCH L5781. The 10th Infantry Regiment closed in division reserve in the vicinity of SCHWARZENBORN L2630. Front line change: L3363 - L3464 - L4070 - KAISERSESCH L5781. 4th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" relieved Combat Command "B" on the high ground overlooking the RHINE River L8099. Combat Command "B" advanced southwest toward the MOSELLE River L6073 and occupied HAMBUCH L6080 without opposition. FORST L6580, MONTENICH L6880 and ROES L6582 were captured against light opposition. Front line change: HAMBUCH L6080 - FORST L6580 - MONTENICH L6880 - ROES L6582 - L8099.

VIII Corps. 90th Division. Followed the advance of the 11th Armored Division. The 358th Infantry Regiment reached BAULER L3892 and units of the 357th Infantry Regiment moved to MALTEN L6392. Front line change: L4494 - BAULER L3892 - L3690. 11th Armored Division. Advanced up to five miles northeast against scattered resistance. Combat Command "A" captured ANDERNACH F7604. Combat Command "B" advanced to the RHINE River in the vicinity of F7009 and established contact with the 2d Infantry Division (First Army) in the vicinity of F5605. Front line change: F7600 - ANDERNACH F7604 - F7009 - F3011. 4th Division. Advanced to LEIMBACH F4201 against very little resistance. Front line change: L4298 - LEIMBACH F4201 - F4305. 6th Cavalry Group. Moved through the 4th Division and continued sweeping the area to the east. 6th Armored Division. Attached to Sixth Army Group 8 March. Departed from the Army area 10 March.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 69th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of HECKEN F1306. 2d Division. Established contact with units of the 11th Armored Division in the vicinity of NDR. ZISSEN F6306 and sealed the enemy pocket to the southwest. Mopped up to the RHINE River with units at F6812 and F6714. Relieved the 310th Infantry (78th Div) in the vicinity of WESTUM F6415 and SANZIG F6516. Front line changes: F5305 - F5605 and RHINE River F7009 to F6716.

VII Corps. 1st Division. (With 14th Cav Gp atchd). The 16th and 18th Infantry Regiments captured BONN F5538 and the area adjacent thereto. Cavalry units relieved the 26th Infantry Regiment which began to regroup in the vicinity of BONN. 113th Cavalry Group. Commenced the relief of the 4th Cavalry Group. 8th Division. Remained in corps reserve. 99th Division. Attached to the III Corps at 091200A. Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of FRITZDORF F5422.

III Corps. A direct hit by artillery on the REMAGEN railroad bridge at 1630A rendered the bridge non-operative for five hours. Following resumption of traffic over the bridge another artillery hit at 2400A again rendered the bridge non-operative for six hours. One-half of a pontoon bridge had been completed across the RHINE River in this vicinity at the close of the period. 78th Division. The 310th Infantry Regiment moved into the bridgehead area. The division assumed responsibility for the north half of the RHINE River bridgehead. The 309th and the 311th Infantry Regiments were attached to the 9th Division. 9th Armored Division. Patrols reached F5810 and F6111 without establishing contact with the enemy. Combat Command "R" closed in the vicinity of REMAGEN F6420. The 310th Infantry Regiment reverted to the control of the 78th Division. Combat Command "B" was attached to the 9th Division. 9th Division. (With CCB 9th Armd Div atchd). Continued to strengthen the RHINE River bridgehead. The 60th Infantry Regiment closed in the bridgehead area. The 39th Infantry Regiment commenced crossing into the bridgehead at 0900A. Fighting continued in DATTENBERG F6817. Units repulsed a counterattack supported by armor in the vicinity of F6721. Heavy artillery and small arms fire continued to fall in the division area. Subsequent to their attachment the 309th Infantry and 311th Infantry Regiments reverted to the control of the 78th Division. 7th Armored Division. The 39th Infantry Regiment reverted to the control of the 9th Division.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 092400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	62,697	255,838	35,173	8,865	362,573
Non-battle					263,802
Total Casualties					626,375

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Twenty-First Army Group

XXX Corps
3d Division
53d Division
79th Division

PFALZDORF E9146
A0334
A0225
HOENS BROEK K7259

Twelfth Army Group

First Army (Main and Tac)

VII Corps
V Corps
2d Division
26th Division
78th Division
90th Division

DUREN F1145
WEIDEN F3660
MECHERNICH F2321
BRUCK F4510
SERRIG L1609
ERPEL F6421
KELBERG L4188

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